

**House of Representatives
Capital Budget
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2004**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE
September 20-21	TBA	Olympia	Capital Budget	1) Update on the Legislative Building Renovation. 2) Higher Education Capital Project Prioritization Lists. 3) Public Works Trust Fund Assessment.	Work Session/ Public Hearing
December 2-3	TBA	Olympia	Capital Budget	1) Water Programs and Funding. 2) Salmon Recovery Funding. 3) Management of Public Lands: a) grazing; and b) old growth forests.	Work Session/ Public Hearing

Project Title: Legislative Building Renovation

Project Goal:

Monitor the progress of the Legislative Building renovation.

Project Description:

This project will monitor the remaining work on the Legislative Building renovation and its readiness for the 2005 Legislative Session. The Legislative Building is scheduled to be finished in September 2004. The project schedule and budget are very tight, but the Legislative Building should be ready for tenant reoccupation in November 2004. This project will consist of a tour of the Legislative Building and a public hearing during the interim.

Number & Type of Meetings: One committee meeting and one tour.

Completion Date: December 2004.

Staff Assigned: Marziah Kiehn-Sanford, Charlie Gavigan

Project Title: Higher Education Capital Project Prioritization

Project Goal:

Monitor and review the project priority lists developed during the 2004 interim by the community and technical colleges and the 4-year institutions (under HB 2151).

Project Description:

This project will monitor and review the process the community and technical colleges and the 4-year institutions use to develop a project prioritization list as part of their 2005-07 budget request. This project will coordinate with the Higher Education and Appropriations Committees to the extent policy issues or operating budget impacts are related.

Number & Type of Meetings: One committee meeting.

Completion Date: December 2004.

Staff Assigned: Marziah Kiehn-Sanford, Charlie Gavigan

Project Title: Public Works Trust Fund Assessment Project

Project Goal:

Monitor the Public Works Board's assessment of the Public Works Trust Fund program and the changes the board may recommend to the program.

Project Description:

The Public Works Trust Fund program was created in 1985 to provide a source of loan funds to assist local governments and special purpose districts with infrastructure projects. The Public Works Board, within the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED), is authorized to make low-interest or interest-free loans to finance the repair, replacement, or improvement of the following public works systems: bridges; roads; water and sewage systems; and solid waste and recycling facilities. All local governments except port districts and school districts are eligible to receive loans. This program traditionally is the second largest single appropriation in the capital budget.

The Public Works Board, as it nears its 20th anniversary, is conducting a comprehensive review of the program, including mission, priorities, categories served, and business practices. Any recommended changes will be brought to the Governor and Legislature prior to the 2005 Legislative Session.

This project will monitor the deliberations of the board and hold a hearing during the interim on the board's assessment and possible recommendations.

Number & Type of Meetings: One committee hearing.

Completion Date: December 15, 2004.

Staff Assigned: Charlie Gavigan

Project Title: Water Programs - Capital and Operating Funding

Project Goal:

Review major water-related legislation and funding in the Capital and Operating budgets since 1998.

Project Description:

This project will examine issues related to identifying the various water-related programs and funding, review the effectiveness of spending on water programs, examine whether performance measures exist and whether goals are identified and are being achieved, and review to what extent water policy and spending is coordinated between different agencies and related issues like salmon recovery.

Number & Type of Meetings: One committee meeting.

Completion Date: December 15, 2004.

Staff Assigned: Charlie Gavigan, Alicia Paatsch

Project Title: Salmon Recovery Efforts

Project Goal:

Review salmon recovery programs and funding history.

Project Description:

This project will educate the committee on salmon recovery programs and funding history in preparation for the 2005-07 budget deliberations. This Capital Budget Committee project will coordinate with the Fisheries, Ecology, and Parks and Appropriations Committees particularly in regard to the funding history. Other items include reviewing the extent to which a cohesive state strategy exists, whether performance measures exist and whether goals are identified and are being achieved, and to what extent spending is coordinated between different agencies and related issues.

The committee will conduct a hearing on this topic.

Number & Type of Meetings: One committee meeting.

Completion Date: December 2004.

Staff Assigned: Charlie Gavigan, Jeff Olsen, Alicia Paatsch

Project Title: Public Lands Management

Project Goal:

Educate the committee regarding public lands, particularly trust management topics.

Project Description:

Several issues related to management of public lands arose during the 2004 Legislative Session. Two of them resulted in studies in the 2004 Supplemental Capital Budget. These issues generally involve the duty to manage the trust lands for the interests of the beneficiaries versus the interests of the general public, and whether they should be managed for short-term or long-term goals.

This project will include a hearing on the two studies.

Number & Type of Meetings: One committee hearing.

Completion Date: December 15, 2004.

Staff Assigned: Charlie Gavigan
